



# Ward Notification

## Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Patrick Kelly



---

Contact: Captain Trish Tracy  
(520) 410-1901 Pager

Date: July 4, 2009

### **Ward 2 – Apartment Fire – 600 Block of South Prudence Road**

July 4, 2009

Dispatch Time – 1751  
On-Scene Time – 1756  
Under Control – 1807

Two people were displaced from their apartment after a fire started in one of the bedrooms. The mother had returned home to find her apartment completely filled with smoke, and the smoke detector sounding. She went outside and called 911. Her daughter was not home at the time, but there were two cats inside. The cats survived the smoke and no injuries occurred.

It took twenty-one firefighters and seven units approximately eleven minutes to control the fire. There was smoke damage throughout the apartment. The room involved had smoke and flame damage to the walls. Contents, such as furniture and a mattress, were completely destroyed.

Red Cross was not needed. This family will be staying with relatives.  
Damage Estimate - \$40,000  
Cause – Incendiary (intentionally set)  
Origin – Bedroom

Safety Message: If you see a fire, call 911 immediately and report it. There could be animals or people inside that need rescued. It is not safe to enter a smoke or flame-filled atmosphere without safety equipment such as the equipment firefighters wear. One or two breaths of superheated gases from a fire can be deadly.